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## Sensing the dead at a seance near Wall Street

Clairvoyant. A Brooklyn psychic medium connects to spirits of the deceased during a Halloween seance.

Therese Relucio, a certified psychic medium with spiky, short black hair, paced in a dim room of a nondescript building just a block from Wall Street.

"It feels like he did die doing some kind of rebellion or some kind of protesting," she said, de-scribing a spirit behind Joe Brahimi, 34, one of nine participants in a Halloween seance Tuesday. "Do you understand who that would be?"

Brahimi replied that the spirit was likely his uncle, Naim Beka, who died in a car bomb while fighting during armed rebellions in Albania. Relucio told Brahimi that his uncle wanted him to stick up for himself at work.

"I can't believe it," Brahimi, who lives in Westchester, said a little later.

At the seance, Brahimi and other attendees sat in a circle while Relucio walked around the room, explaining where she was feeling spirits.

Throughout the night, Relucio said she felt a "judgmental doctor" in scrubs, a flamenco dancer, several relatives and a nun.

Spirits were near the person they were trying to connect with, Relucio said. She tried to help attendees make connections to spirits by describing physical traits and how they died

#### Quoted

"I learned a very long time ago that saving anything to skeptics only makes them more aggressive. If you are not ready or don't want to believe in this, that's OK."

Therese Relucio, certified psychic



#### Teeming with spirits

#### Most haunted 'hood in NYC

New York City has more than its fair share of death, destruction and misery. But what is the most haunted part of the five boroughs? Metro

Mysterious carving

reached out to Philip Schoenberg, author of "Ghosts of Manhattan" and founder of "Ghosts of New York Walking Tours" to see what he thought.

'In my opinion the East Village with its many celebrity ghosts is the most haunted," Schoenberg said. "It has the most reported ghosts in the city. From St. Mark's Church to the Bowery to Cooper Union to the Public Theater, the area is full of the spirits of the undead.

#### Frightening fun

#### The Central **Park Witch**

The next time you are in Central Park, check out the witch that's carved into Bethesda Terrace. Jonathan Kuhn, NYC Parks' director of art and antiquities, said the witch was part of a series that was supposed to symbolize the four seasons. The witch was the only carving completed.

#### Halloween at a graveyard

All cemeteries are by definition kind of creepy, but if you are looking to spend Halloween traipsing among the dead, Trinity Cemetery at Trinity Church is the place to go. The cemetery was opened in 1697. For Halloween, Trinity Church, is hosting a trick or treat at the

#### **Scariest ruins** in the city

If you visit the remains of the Renwick Smallpox Hospital on Roosevelt Island you can almost hear the screams of pain from former patients.

The hospital opened in 1856 and quickly became the place where poor souls infected with the disease in the city were shipped.

#### **Ghost story**

#### **Creepiest urban** leaend in the five boroughs

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Staten Island, the story of "Cropsey," the escaped mental patient who lived in the abandoned Willowbrook Mental Institution. was as well known as the

bogeyman.

But the story took on a hint of truth when a 12-year-old girl was found murdered there

- communication known as "evidential psychic mediumship."

If a connection was made, Relucio would pass along the spirit's message, but she simply moved on when that wasn't the case.

The point of seances is "to know that life exists after death," she said.

Relucio, 30, runs the Psychic and Mediumship Group and teaches these skills in classes at her apartment near Prospect

Some seance attendees wished to hone their skills, while others hoped to connect with loved ones during the seance.

When Relucio dimmed the lights and began, she asked the group to keep an open mind. She explained she doesn't like to engage with cynics.

About 20 minutes before Brahimi arrived at the seance, Relucio felt the presence of his deceased uncle, describing a spirit near Brahimi's wife as a "male, who was not officially part of the army ... maybe a rebel."

"I came here thinking that I wouldn't be read," Brahimi said when the seance ended. "It's amaz-

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#### The Rockaways

#### Man, 71, killed in dispute at nursing home

A 71-year-old man was killed in a dispute at a nursing home in the Rockaways late Tuesday night, police said.

Police arrived at Beacon Nursing Home to find the man beaten, unconscious and unresponsive.

Emergency medical personnel took him to St. John's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival, police said. He had suffered a fractured skull.

A 67-year-old man was taken into custody by police at the scene. Police said he had been the victim's roommate since July, and the two men had been fighting lately about privacy and the curtain that separates their beds.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

## Lhota takes final swings at de Blasio during last debate

Offense. The Republican tried to slam his Democratic rival in the final debate of the mayor's race.

Republican candidate Joe Lhota, trailing some 40 points in recent polls, touted his experience and attacked Democrat Bill de Blasio in a final push during last night's debate.

"He has absolutely no experience," the former MTA chairman and deputy mayor said, calling de Blasio's positions, most recently as public advocate and city councilman, "mid-level."

De Blasio countered that Lhota's time as deputy for Mayor Rudy Giuliani amounted to working under an administration



#### Democrat

"A lot of the problems that we're experiencing right now that have gone unaddressed by Mayor Bloomberg would go unaddressed by Mr. Lhota."

De Blasio

#### Republican

"I believe Bill's proposals are quite naive and they actually will turn us back to a time that we don't want to go to. There will be an increase in crime."

Lhota

that divided the city.

As in previous debates, the candidates seemed to generally agree on the major issues facing the city, such as income inequality, but sparred over solutions.

De Blasio said inequalities could be addressed by improving access to education, such as through his plan to pay for universal pre-kindergarten by increasing taxes for wealthy New Yorkers.

Lhota, on the other hand, said economic subsidies, by increasing jobs, could decrease inequaliHis rival later questioned this type of policy as "trickle-down economics" and "classic Republican thinking"

can thinking."

Lhota likened comments about his political party to the boxing match between Rocky and Drago in "Rocky IV."

"We know what happened in that match. The underdog won," Lhota said. "New York loves an underdog and, quite honestly, I am that underdog."

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#### **Testimony. NYPD** narcotics detective arrested for perjury

Department detective was arrested Tuesday and charged with perjury for giving false testimony against an accused East Harlem drug dealer.

Detective Abel Joseph, 39, was indicted in Manhattan criminal court for committing perjury in his grand jury testimony and later changing the details of his sworn testimony in a suppression hearing.

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Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. fumed over the way the detective "wasted the time and resources of prosecutors, the court and a grand jury." Vance blamed the detective for the D.A.'s entire criminal case against an accused Harlem drug dealer being dismissed.

Because of Joseph's conflicting testimonies, the charges against the accused dealer were dropped.

DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

#### Unidentified

#### Woman found dead in Williamsburg

Police discovered the body of an unidentified woman in Williamsburg Tuesday at 3:30 p.m.

The body was found on the street under a blanket near Division and Kent avenues. Witnesses said a hand was protruding from the blanket and there appeared to be blood. DANIELLE TCHOLAKIAN

## **Council votes to raise** smoking age in NYC



**Lighting up.** New Yorkers would have to be 21 to buy smokes.

The New York City Council passed legislation yester-day raising the legal age for purchasing tobacco products to 21, as well as a law raising the minimum price of cigarettes to \$10.50 and strengthening penalties against vendors who sell cigarettes on the cheap.

Councilman James Gennaro, the lead sponsor of the bill to raise the minimum age, hailed the bill as "the next big thing for the city, and hopefully for the state and for the country."

New York City will be the first major city in the U.S. to have a minimum tobacco purchasing age as high as 21.

Gennaro noted city's aggressive work to combat teen smoking between 2001 and 2006, which has been credited with cutting the number of teen smokers in New York City down by half.

But Gennaro said progress has been stalled "since about 2007.

The bill was careful to include e-cigarettes as well, a move Gennaro said was "very important" in preventing teens from becoming nicotine addicts.



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#### Dissenting voice

"Liberty and free markets are on the way out of NYC."

Councilman Dan Halloran

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## Barneys in hot seat over claims it discriminated

March. The luxury clothing store was the subject of a protest yesterday over perceptions of racial profiling.

Picketers headed for the Manhattan storefront of Barneys yesterday to express outrage over black customers' complaints that police stopped them after making luxury pur-

The protest came as the state attorney general is investigating security practices at Barneys and fellow retailer Macy's.

Four black shoppers have said they were detained in separate inci-



dents at the two stores and later released without charges.

Barneys and Macy's officials said the New York Police Department had acted on their own, without input from store staff, in choosing to stop shoppers who included Rob Brown, an actor in the HBO series "Treme."

Tuesday, rights leader Al Sharpton met with Barneys Chief Executive Officer Mark Lee, who said his employees had no part in two incidents at his stores.

"No one from Barneys brought them to the attention of our internal security," Lee said

Likewise, a spokeswoman denied that their staff had a role in the incidents there.

In 2005, Macy's paid \$600,000 to settle similar allegations that many of the chain's New York stores had targeted blacks and Latinos for particular scrutiny of theft, according to the New York Attorney General's office.



#### Scariest day of the year

For those New Yorkers who are looking to do more than hand out candy tonight, the Village Halloween Parade starts at 7 p.m. on Sixth Avenue and Canal Street. The parade will then march up Sixth Avenue. It is the 40th anniversary of the parade. / GETTY IMAGES

Big blaze

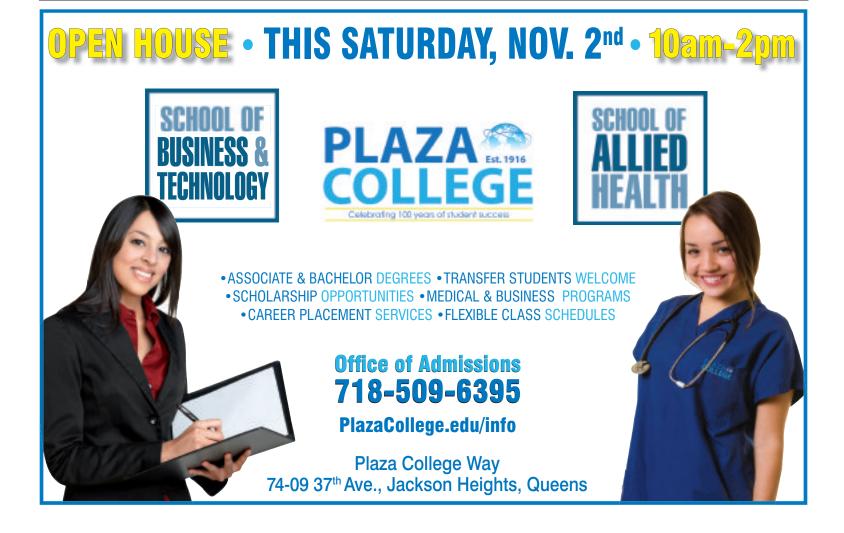
#### Brooklyn house fire kills two. injures three yesterday

Two people died and three others were injured in a fire in Brooklyn yesterday morning, police said.

Officers responded to the 911 call about the fire at 852 East 15th St. in Midwood around 3:30 a.m. A 91-year-old woman was pronounced dead at the scene.

A 63-year-old man was removed to Kings County Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Three other occupants of the house were treated for minor injuries at Maimonides Hospital, police said.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. The victims' identities have not yet been released by police. LAURA SHIN







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## Top Obamacare official apologizes for 'debacle'



HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius prepares to testify yesterday before a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing in Rayburn Building on the failures of Affordable Care Act's enrollment website. / GETTY IMAGES

Flaws. Sebelius has become a punching bag for the GOP who have repeatedly called on her to resign.

President Barack Obama's top health official apologized yes-terday for the botched rollout of the government's healthcare website, acknowledging it was a "debacle," while also blaming insurers for canceling coverage for hundreds of thousands of people.

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, testifying at a congressional hearing on the troubled website at the heart of Obama's healthcare overhaul, vowed to win back the confidence of millions of disappointed Americans.

"Hold me accountable for the debacle. I'm responsible," Sebelius said in response to questions from Marsha Blackburn, the Republican U.S. Representative of Tennessee, about who was responsible for problems that have prevented people from signing up for insurance healthcare plans.

Critics of Obamacare have seized on the hundreds of thousands of Americans due to lose

"I'm accountable to you for fixing these problems. And I'm committed to earning your confidence back by fixing the site."

their current plans because they fail to include essential benefits required by the law and are asking whether Obama misrepresented the law.

Sebelius, the cabinet official spearheading the implementation of the 2010 Affordable Care Act, known as Obam-

#### Quoted

"They are now receiving termination notices, and for those who lose the coverage they like, they may also be losing faith in their government."

acare, drew intense criticism from Republicans including Fred Upton, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Upton accused Obama of breaking a 2009 promise that people with insurance could keep their current plans.

#### Affordable Care Act

#### Senate panel to hold **Obamacare** hearing in Nov.

The U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee plans to hold a hearing on Nov. 5 with Marilyn Tavenner, a top U.S. health official, about the rocky rollout of Obamacare.

It marks the first announcement of an oversight hearing in the Democrat-controlled Senate since the glitch-ridden launch of HealthCare.gov on Oct. 1.

Tavenner, administrator of the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, testified before a Republican-controlled House of Representatives committee on Tuesday, during which she apologized for the poor rollout of the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare. **REUTERS** 

#### Health care. Obama defends law, promises to get exchanges fixed

President Barack Obama took "full responsibility" for fixing the flawed U.S. health insurance exchange, while telling a Massachusetts audience that the state's experience with its health-care law portends eventual success for the federal

Obama spoke in Boston as his 2010

health care law is under sustained criticism from Republicans and on the same day that Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius apologized at a House hearing for the "debacle" of the failed opening of the online exchange that's central to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. BLOOMBERG





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#### **NYC's Tammany** Hall, byword for corruption, gets landmark status

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A vote to protect the four-story neo-Georgian building in Union Square was held on Tuesday by the city Landmarks Preservation Commission.

The building was completed in 1929.



#### Low income

#### Cut in food stamps to hit **Americans** this week

One of every seven Americans will take a hit tomorrow when a \$5 billion cut in food stamps, the first acrossthe-board reduction in the history of the decades-old federal program, takes effect.

But if conservative Republicans in Congress get their way, this week's pullback may be just a taste of what's to come for some of the almost 48 million who receive benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. REUTERS



#### Twitter hit with \$124 million lawsuit over private stock sale

Pay. Like many Silicon Valley startups, it has paid employees and contractors using private stock.

Twitter Inc. was sued for \$124 million yesterday by two companies claiming the social media darling fraudulently had them organize a private sale of its shares to stoke investor interest for an initial public offering then canceled it.

In a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, Precedo Capital Group Inc. and Continental Advisors SA accused Twitter of using the aborted sale as a way to give the money-losing company a \$10 billion market valuation and higher IPO price.

'Twitter never tended to complete the offering on behalf of Twit-

ter stockholders, in the private market, thereby causing substantial damages to the plaintiffs in the loss of commissions, fees and expenses, as well as through their business reputation," the lawsuit

Jim Prosser, a spokesman for Twitter, in a statement said the company had never had a relationship with Precedo or Continental Advisors.

The lawsuit comes as anticipation builds for Twitter's IPO, widely considered the most highly awaited since Facebook Inc. went public in May

Twitter was holding its first large investor lunch in New York yesterday. Institutional investors who met with Twitter this week say they are optimistic about its upcoming IPO and see it as a more conservative offering than Facebook's splashy IPO.



"Their claim is completely without merit." Jim Prosser

They also seek \$100 million in punitive damages and other remedies.

Last week, the San Francisco-based company said it would offer its shares at between \$17 and \$20 each, valuing the company at up to about \$11 billion. No date has been set vet but market watchers believe the IPO could happen as early as next week.

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#### **Ouch. Depressed** Chinese man cuts off penis, regrets it

According to a report by The Daily Mail, 26-year-old Yang Hu of Jiaxing, China, recently took his depression to a new level and cut off his penis, because he figured: No girlfriend, no penis necessary — right?

Wrong. Hu quickly regretted his decision and hopped on his bicycle to peddle to the nearest hospital, except he was in such a rush he

forgot to grab his severed manhood.

Upon arrival at the hospital, doctors ordered Hu to cycle back home to retrieve it.

Unfortunately, by the time he returned from the undoubtedly agonizing journey, doctors were unable to reattach the organ because it had been without blood for too long. MORGAN ROUSSEAU, METRO

#### How convenient

#### Cell phone saves clerk from robber's bullet

A convenience store clerk in Florida can thank his cell phone for stopping a bullet fired at his chest during an attempted robbery, police said. "He was very lucky,"

said Lt. Scott Allen of the Winter Garden Police Department. The middleaged clerk, who police are not identifying for his safety, was shot at by a robber who ordered him and a female clerk to open the safe at a gas station and convenience store near Orlando, Fla. on Monday. REUTERS

### Chinese diet pills contained human flesh, officials say

#### **Banned substances** in South Korea.

The pills also tested positive for sibutramine and phenolphthalein.

Police in Jeju, South Korea, arrested two students from China for selling diet pills containing human flesh, the Korea Times reported.

Mo Mo, 26, and Mo An, 21, ordered the diet pills off a Chinese website and smuggled them into South Korea illegally and sold them for profit.

They purchased the pills at a price of about \$19 per bottle and sold each bottle for about \$56 to 80 customers. The two made a profit of about \$5,646.

Korean police had the pills analyzed at the National Forensic Service,



The pills contained banned substances and human flesh. / COLOURBOX

They purchased the pills at a price of about \$19 per bottle and sold each bottle for about \$56 to 80 customers. The two made a profit of about \$5.646.

where they were found to have a 100 percent positive match with human

Sibutramine is an appetite suppressant that is also banned in the U.S. because it is known to increase the risk of cardiovascular events like heart attacks and strokes. Phenolphthalein is a laxative, and the National Institutes of Health says it is "reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen.'

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#### **Mortician** is giving death a makeover

She is the face of death. From her hit YouTube series answering forbidden questions to new "Death Salon" sessions helping people get over the fear, Los Angeles native Caitlin Doughty, 29, has rapidly become the vanguard of "death acceptance" — a new movement demanding more engagement with the great beyond.

#### How can I get to know death?

There are many things you can do. First, make it a priority. Read all you can about death culture in your country and countries around the world. Watch films and documentaries about death. Go to cemeteries and just sit and meditate on how you are not a permanent fixture in this world. Doing these things is not morbid or weird, I promise, it's following an incredibly natural



#### "Humans want to feel special and not admit that we are these ephemeral creatures."

curiosity. Most importantly, go to funerals of the people you know and love. Don't skip them just because death freaks you out. Nothing is a better cure for death fear than rational exposure to real mortality.

What does a poor relationship with death

#### look like, and what is the effect on life? It looks like lot like mod-

ern culture. We always want more than the person next to us, to be more successful, have more money, get more likes on Facebook. These things distract us from the fact that we are animals that are doomed to die, just like every other creature on Earth. Humans want to feel special and not admit that we are these ephemeral creatures. It's understandable, but the denial hurts our relationship with reality.

#### How far do you believe it is possible for someone to be reconciled with death?

I believe no one ever totally 100 percent accepts it. There are fleeting moments where I feel like I do, but I only need to think about the death of my good friends, or who will take care of my cat if I die, and doubt sets back in. But the more you run these scenarios through your mind in a

sensible way, the easier it becomes. The moments of fear pass much faster, and your ability to face any of life's harsher facts becomes stronger.

#### Tell us about the death

acceptance movement. I think it's very significant, but that's probably because I'm in the thick of it, of course I'm going to think it's the most important damn thing in the world. But I would also argue that our relationship with death is broken, and the stakes in fixing it are pretty high. The sheer number of people inter-ested in collaborating or participating in bringing death, dying and alternative funeral options into the mainstream has increased so much in even the past few years, I can't help but believe it is working. The movement is for anyone who takes issue with the way we currently deny death in our funeral and medical system.

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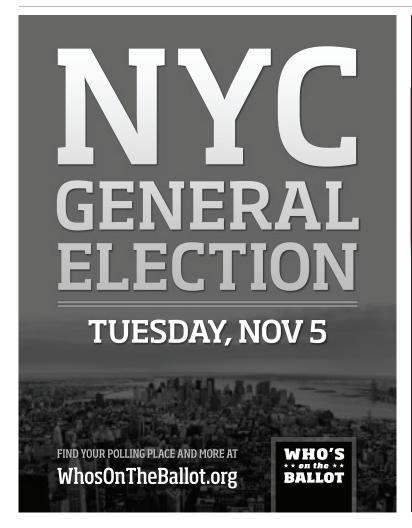
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#### CULTURE Twitter feed We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest name to see what they've been to — in their own wo 140 characters or fewer. Today, Kirstie Alley is up too early, Anna Kendrick is up too late, Tyra Banks does her own tech suppo and Jimmy Kimmel wants everyone to choose their words more carefully. @kirstiealley: tooooo early AnnaKendrick47: Oh hello again 4am, you whore. @tyrabanks:My tablet got too hot to handle : made her take a chill in the fridge. Hope s not claustrophobic. **@jimmykimmel** every LA news unless they're bears are "

#### The Word's spookiest celebrities













In honor of Halloween, we asked the Metro staff which celebrity scared them the most. Read it now - if you dare. Bwahahahahhahaha!

Harrison Ford: Why would a 71-year-old man have an earring? It's creepy.

Bruce Jenner: What he's done to his once-handsome face is more gaspinducing than watching The Conjuring.'

Steve Buscemi's mouth: We love the guy, but you really wouldn't want to brush up against his grill in a dark alley, would you?

Mel Gibson: What has he been up to since his anti-Semitic rant? We'd be spooked to venture into his basement at this point. Dude is probably working on something cah-razy.

Taylor Swift: It keeps us up at night worrying about what pretty young manthing she'll set her blonde succubus sights on next.

WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

**DOROTHY ROBINSON** 



Boys beware.

James Franco: Nobody should have that much energy and accomplish that many different things.

It's terrifying. We're scared of what he'll decide to add to his résumé next brain surgery? A human centipede made entirely of his comedy mafia bros? (Actually, we'd like to see

Raquel Welch: We're pretty sure she is one of the Tupperware moms from the TV series "Eerie, Indiana" — the kind that sleep in Tupperware coffins to stay fresh. She doesn't seem to be aging.

Nicki Minaj: She looks like she just stepped out of a wax museum, and not in the "Oh, fun! Inanimate objects have come to life!" way. More in the "Oh God, the mannequins are alive! Oh, the horror! Oh, the humanity!" way.

**Ashton Kutcher:** What deal with the devil did that guy do? Highest-paid actor on TV? Check. Mila Kunis as a girlfriend? Check. Signing over his soul is the only explanation.

#### Talking points

#### Lohan is way, way off the wagon

October apparently hasn't been an easy month for Lindsay Lohan's fledgling sobriety. The troubled starlet has been spending a lot of time at bars, clubs and parties this month, and she's reportedly fallen off the wagon when it comes to booze, according to Star magazine. "She was definitely drinking alcohol. She got increasingly sloppy as the hours went on," a source who spotted Lohan at a party in L.A. last week tells the magazine. "At one point Lindsay was literally hanging onto a couple of her friends, like they were holding her up.' She's also reportedly been sneaking vodka cocktails at bars in New York, and she partied till dawn at "an alcohol-fueled bash" in Hollywood with Paris Hilton and Miley Cyrus recently. "Lindsay arrived around 3 a.m. and was still there when dawn was breaking," a source says.

#### Spelling's sex tape

Tori Spelling admits that there's a sex tape featuring her and husband Dean McDermott floating around out there, though it's been a couple of years since she's heard about it. According to Spelling's sixth memoir, "Spell-ing It Like It Is," she and McDermott were looking to spice things up in 2009. "Dean said, 'We should tape ourselves having sex," she writes. "He had a little portable tripod, and he set up his video camera on it. Afterward, I checked my angles and they were good, so I allowed him to keep it." Apparently a former friend of the couple snatched it off their home computer and attempted to sell it two years later. "I was horrified," Spelling writes, explaining that they sent the man a cease and desist letter. "We never heard from him again, and the incident went away."



point."







## KEANU REEVES

The superstar has directed his first movie and is finally playing the villain.

#### HE KNOWS TAI CHI

It's hardly surprising that the first movie Keanu Reeves directed is a martial arts picture. With "Man of Tai Ĉhi," the onetime Neo teamed up with two of his "Matrix" colleagues stuntman Tiger Hu Chen, who stars, and choreographer Yuen Woo-ping — to tell of a student of the titular peaceful style who gets coerced into an underground fighting ring run by a sinister businessman (played by Reeves).

#### Were you nervous to direct your first picture?

I wasn't, actually. I'd been around prep and production my whole career. A lot

#### Kung fu fighting

Keanu's favorite martial arts movies (at least when he was asked):

- "Five Fingers of Death" (1972)
- "Fist of Legend" (1994)
- "Drunken Master" (1978)
- "Once Upon a Time in China" (1991)

of the rooms I was walking into I'd been in, but never been the director of them.

#### The action scenes are clean and allow viewers to clearly see the fighters' performances.

The hope was that the action sequences work dramatically. I felt we should be with Tiger's journey as he was changing from this innocent guy to this person who's going to a darker side. There are certain shots during the action scenes where we're not actually seeing punches. We're on his face. We're seeing his expressions.

How was it playing the villain for a change?



#### Global filming

#### What is it like working with the Chinese film industry versus Hollywood?

We had SARFT — that's the Chinese censorship administration. They don't have a rating system, so

there's no R or PG-13 or NC-17. I tried to make the film along the lines of a PG-13. They do a script review, then an image review. I had to make a couple cuts. I had to take down the intensity of the violence a little bit. It was weird. It was going from 11 punches to 5 punches, or 33 strikes to 17.

I haven't played villains, I've played red herrings. Villains are great. They have a great passion. They're simple. I thought of Donaka as being interested in a kind of vampirism. He wants to consume someone's life - to see them transform from innocence to killing or being killed.



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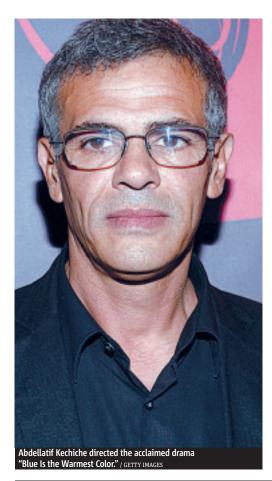


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## Shooting desire

Interview. The "Blue Is the Warmest Color" director talks about passion cooling down.

A lot has happened since Abdellatif Kechiche's "Blue Is the Warmest Color" premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in May. The relationship drama won the Palme d'Or, but in its wake its two actresses — Adele Exarchopoulos and Lea Seydoux, who play lovers — have spoken out about difficulties of making the film. Kechiche has even written an op-ed, slamming Seydoux and others he felt were trying to destroy his film. In person, though, he's calm and polite.

#### What drew you to make a film that looked at a couple that was homosexual?

I was hoping we would be able to get beyond the fact that it was two women. And while I was shooting the movie and creating the movie, as it went along, I forgot I was dealing with two women.

#### It's a rare portrait of a couple that shows them moving from falling in love to falling out of it.

Part of what I wanted to work with is [a relationship] that starts off with a strong carnal passion and, with time, cools

down. But I think that's something that happens with everybody. ... To continue to have a relationship that resonates, you have to find and have other reasons that keep you together.

## How did you work with your actors to get them deeply ingrained in their characters?

I like to try things and push them to extremes. Sometimes with the interpretation of the role, there's a resistance.



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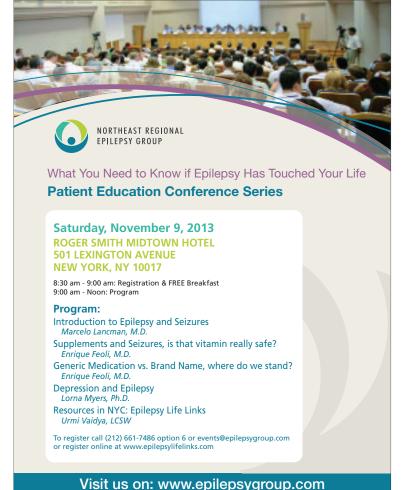
#### Q&A

The stereotype of Europe versus America is that we're very repressed while Europe is very open-minded. Homosexuality is a particularly controversial issue here. I don't agree. I think it's the opposite. It's much more

open here, from what I've witnessed. [His interpreter interjects: "He hasn't been to Podunk, lowa, yet."] It's confirmed by what's been happening in France these last few months. I never imagined there was such a taboo that was still there.

I don't think we have a lot to teach others — we have a lot of lessons to get from others. I heard a lot about American Puritanism. But I feel it's better here. For example, Steven Spielberg — I had been warned that he would probably be shocked by the film. And when I spoke with him I was surprised that he told me how much he loved the film and he couldn't wait to show it to his daughters — that he felt it was an initiation to love that was beautiful.





## Films to check out

#### Box office draw.

Here what's coming to (or already at) your local googolplex.

'Last Vegas' Five Oscar winners — Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman, Kevin Kline and Mary Steenburgen - prove that even our finest actors can make a bunch of Viagra jokes.

'Free Birds' This is about time traveling turkeys voiced by Owen Wilson and Woody Harrelson. Fiction - it's sometimes stranger than fact.

'Dallas Buyers Club' The Matthew McConaughey Comeback Tour continues with playing a Texas homophobe who got AIDS in the '80s and started a black market company to sell drugs not yet approved by the FDA.



#### Must-see

'Ender's Game' Sci-fi legend Orson Scott Card may be a massive homophobe, but he's a talented massive homophobe. His most famous book — about a boy (Asa Butterfield) being trained for war with belligerent aliens in the far-off future finally becomes the latest would-be space spectacular.

'About Time' "Love Actually" maven Richard Curtis goes a touch sci-fi with his latest, which follows a young man (Domhnall Gleeson) who uses his time travel abilities to woo Rachel McAdams.

'Diana' With the right Umakeup, Naomi Watts looks rather a bit like Princess Di, which is good enough to make a movie about her.

**'Man of Tai Chi'** Keanu Reeves' directorial

debut is a martial arts spectacular, following a budding mater (Tiger Chen) coerced into underground ass-kicking.

'Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa' Johnny Knoxville gives his geriatric "Jackass" character Irving Zisman a game young grandson (Jackson Nicoll), sending them around America, "Borat"-

'Blue is the Warmest Color' Abdellatif Kechiche's relationship saga won the Palme d'Or. But everyone's talking about the lengthy, graphic lesbian sex scenes, because of course they are.

'Gravity' Sandra Bullock and George Clooney - and no one else — play astronauts trying to survive in a state of weightlessness.



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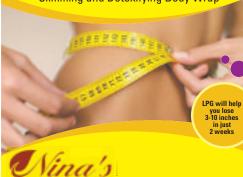
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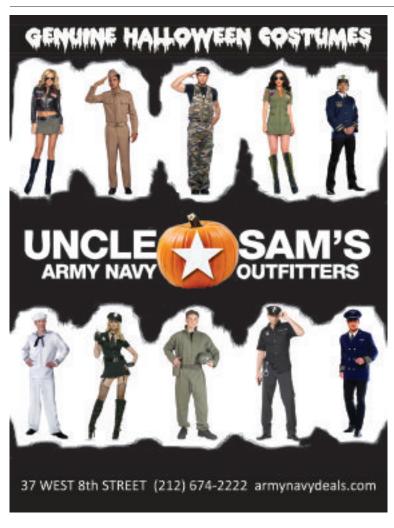
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#### 'Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812'

This musical has created

a lavish home for itself in the Theater District, setting up its own pop-up tent to host Kazino, the Russian dinner club that stages a beautiful show inspired by a storyline in "War and Peace." The festivities this evening include a costume contest (dressing up in your best opera attire or military wear is encouraged), as well as an exclusive after-party for attendees. www.thegreatcomet

#### 'Sleep No More'

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#### 'Wicked'

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ticket to supper with the show's stars, the standard show and/or the afterparty, which features live DJs and, yes, an open bar. Visitors are required to dress in costumes pertaining to the theme.

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#### Maison Martin Margiela on designing West's tour looks

This is an exciting time for Kanye West. First, he puts a 15-carat rock on the finger of that smalltime fiancee of his, Kim Kardashian. Next, he gets a wardrobe delivery courtesy of Maison Martin Margiela.

The French fashion house that has forever been shrouded in mystery has provided the singer with all of the outfits for his upcoming Yeezus tour. The extensive custommade collection consists of 20 ready-to-wear pieces, 10 couture pieces and a rumored "exclusive" pair of kicks — we're intrigued.

The tour — the rapper's

first solo concert in five years — takes him on 30 dates around North America and has unsurprisingly already garnered much music media attention. But now, with the news of Margiela's involvement, it's caught the eye of the fashion world too.

We spoke to Margiela's team, which answered the questions we were dying to know — except for the big one: Will Margiela have any involvement in the wedding? For now, that one remains a mystery.

How involved has Kanye been in designing the

What can you get?

Will any of the pieces from the tour retail?

None of these pieces will be sold. Similar sneakers can be found in stores, as they are Margiela classics, but this pair [was] reproduced in special colors for the Yeezus tour.

#### collection?

The collection is a rework of Margiela's haute couture archive pieces. They have been chosen both by Kanye and the Maison. The Maison then researched

new fabrics and volumes to reinterpret the pieces and match contemporary artist Vanessa Beecroft's scenography.

#### Can you guide us through some of the key pieces?

An elongated embroidered bomber jacket was remade from a 1900s lady's dress, a coat was made out of military blankets and military jackets were assembled together to create an oversized cape. As for the veils, some have been reinterpreted from our archives, while others were created specially for the tour. One veil is composed of marble pieces and another one is made from CD-ROMs. All are embroidered on a silk chiffon base.

#### How long has it taken to pull the outfits together? It took approximately five weeks from research to the final fittings.

#### Are celebrity relations a direction Margiela is looking to take?

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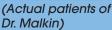
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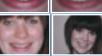
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Davis says that "singles have a challenging time writing about themselves ... regardless of profession."

Davis says people are often surprised that eFlirt's clients include authors, journalists and even marketers.

Depending on which package her clients — who range in age from 19 to 70 — enroll in, they are connected with certified coaches. The coaches help them with services like a one-time profile critique or even monthly subscription packages to help them learn the ropes of dating online with some extra

help.
The eFlirt consultants all of whom have degrees in English, journalism or communication — follow a course instruction with classroom time, practical work and an exam. "Yes, it's a real exam!" she promises, adding that there are written questions as well as a challenge to create a wor-



Do you know who is behind the online profile you just saw? It could be a professional — dating coach, that is. / DIGITAL VISION

Davis says that though the words are important, daters can't ignore their photos. "Ultimately, without great photos you'll have a tough time attracting the right type of match," Davis points out.

According to Charles Orlando, relationship expert and author of "The Problem with Women ... is Men" book series, there's

really nothing wrong with relying on others — friends or professionals weigh in on your profile.

He advises daters to make choices that are right for them. "In the real world, both parties communicate via verbal and non-verbal cues. But with online dating, initial impressions and the 'Please allow me to introduce myself' process is virtually non-existent." Orlando says that profiles are an start, but that just like offline dating, people "reveal who they are slowly, over time."

So, if you aren't a great writer, he says it might be useful to consult a writing service, but adds that eventually you'll be face-to-face. "Pulling out your best attributes is great ... but you'll need to be real."

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#### Davis' tips for a clickable profile:

Wear color in your main photo. Wearing a bold color will help your picture pop when you show up in search results with 20-plus other singles.

2Upload at least one action shot. A photo

of you doing something fun shows off your lifestyle more than any description you type.

Make your profile action-oriented. Your profile is a conversation starter. It's easier for matches to strike up a digital conversation when you mention activities that fill your life. **Edit for virtual** 

confidence. Confidence is sexy, even online, and can be conveyed through tone. Delete wishy-washy phrases like "I guess," "maybe" and "sort of." But don't go overboard there's a thin line between confident and cocky.

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#### Dating news you can use

## Love-connection magic for your earbuds

WFMU radio host and producer Andrea Silenzi is exploring the world of dating with an audio project she calls "Why Oh Why?" If you think you're a tech wizard with your online dating experience, Silenzi's interview with her grandma Phyllis has you beat — she met her late husband, Sol, in 1998 on a site called Classifieds200.com. Hear Grandma Phyllis or learn why living in New Jersey may decrease your dating chances by tuning in at www.wfmu.org/ playlists/LK and submit your own dating stories to the airwaves by sending them to asilenzi@ wfmu.org.

#### **Dating data**

The behemoth dating website Match.com isn't



just worried about making the love connections happen; they're analyzing the numbers. The site found that more than half of people surveyed (57 percent) said that a happy relationship is more important to them than their career. The bad news? Forty-eight percent of survey respon-

dents said their work-life balance stresses them out. But all those hours at the office might pay off in the bedroom: Of those survey respondents who dated someone at work, 65 percent had a one-night stand and 56 percent set up a friendswith-benefits situation. Rawr.

#### Go ahead, tell us

Do you have juicy sex questions that you wouldn't even ask your closest friend? Email your questions to our regular dating columnist, Twanna A. Hines, aka Funky Brown Chick, so she can help you have more fun between the sheets (and on the streets). Ask her anything and everything you want to know for an open-minded, sex-positive perspective on your deepest questions: questions@funkybrownchick.com



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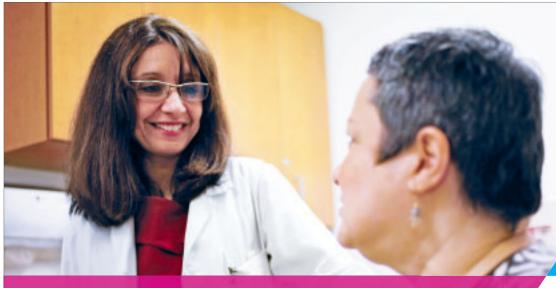
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## One more Britney, Pounds & Ounces (160 Eighth Ave., 646-449-8150) is throwing a B-tchin' Halloween Bash tonight at 9 p.m. Lucky for you, it's Britney Spears-themed. While there's no entry fee, \$25 gets you two drinks and a raffle ticket for a chance to win two tickets to Spears's new Las Vegas show, "Britney: A Piece of Me." A portion of all proceeds will benefit UNICEF.

# So many parties, parties, it's scary

Parties. We've rounded up the best activities to liven up the qhoulish occasion.

#### Haven

The Sanctuary Hotel's Haven Rooftop (132 W. 47th St., 212-466-9000) is hosting its annual Haunted Haven Soiree tonight. Spend Allhallows Eve high above Manhattan for \$20. DJs will spin live on the roof all night, and prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. An open bar and hors d'oeuvres will be available from 6-7 p.m. For reservations, email events@sanctuaryhotelnyc.com.

#### **Gran Electrica**

Gran Electrica (5 Front St., Brooklyn, 718-852-2700) knows that the only thing better than a Day of the Dead party is dinner and a Day of the Dead party. The Mexican restaurant will serve dinner at 6 tonight, and the See more at www.metro.us

The guests at Haven just might be this spooky. / PROVIDED

Gran Electrica's backyard looks quiet here, but it'll be bumpin' tonight. / PROVIDED

fiesta starts at 9. There is no entry fee, and guests can attend the party without coming for dinner. Expect a busy night with a DJ, a Mexican brass marching band, makeup stations, cocktails and dancing under the Brooklyn Bridge.

#### Wythe Hotel

The hotel (80 Wythe Ave., Brooklyn, 718-460-8000) is teaming up with record label Ghostly International for tonight's affair. Two floors will become lairs of the dead, where Ghostly-curated DJs will perform all night. Tickets are \$15, and the costume-required party kicks off at 9 p.m.

ANISA ARSENAULT

The Boys are back in tow

#### Sons of Essex

Sons of Essex (133 Essex St., 212-674-7100) is resurrecting the age of the Bowery Boys — a street gang that dominated downtown in the 1800s — this Halloween. Partygoers are encouraged to pay tribute by wearing their best 19th century attire, such as stovepipe hats, boots and black vests. Come ready for costume contests and drink specials. A portion of all proceeds will go toward the Bowery Mission, which

aids homeless and hungry New Yorkers. Bring a nonperishable food item or an article of clothing and get a voucher for a free drink or appetizer.

#### Bevond toniaht

#### Day (and night) of the Dead

Halloween doesn't have to end tonight. Richard Sandova's Mexican restaurant **Maya** (1191 1st Ave., 212-585-1818) is celebrating the Day of the Dead from Friday through Sunday, highlighting an assortment of tamales and a Margarita

Not to be outdone, **Ofrenda** (113 Seventh Ave. South, 212-924-2305) offered a Day of the Dead menu all October long — tonight's your last chance to check it out. Specials include dishes like tacos de cabeza (braised veal head) and robalo para la catrina (pan-seared grouper). Dia de los Muertos cocktails are a given, too.

From now through Saturday, **Hecho en Dumbo** (354 Bowery, 212-937-4245) will be offering a \$40 prix fixe Dia de los Muertos menu. Aiming to please the adventurous and novice foodie, Chef Danny Mena



Hecho en Dumbo's sweetbread tostadas aren't for the faint of heart. CARLOS WITTENSTEIN

has included several frightworthy cuisines, from bone marrow and beef tongue tacos to chicken tacos with a sweet and spicy chile chipotle marinade. Chef Mena also will be serving up Dia de los Muertos deals through the same dates next door at Salon Hecho (356 Bowery, 212-937-4245), which will have live music tonight at 9, as well as at his other NYC restaurant, Sembrado (432 E. 13th St., 212-729-4206). MEREDITH ENGEL



## You can bring this hot chef home

Hot Chef. Michael Anthony's new cookbook will have you whipping up his recipes in no time (he promises).

As executive chef of the revered Gramercy Tavern for seven years, Michael Anthony has served and pleased countless diners with his simple, seasonal, yet impactful approach to American cuisine. But one diner, his future wife, was a bit harder to please. Anthony recalls courting her with a dish involving baked clams - and eventually winning her over with it. Fortunately for the rest of us, the chef manages to work magic on pretty much anything that comes out of the GT kitchen, and with the "Gramercy Tavern Cookbook" on shelves now, Anthony's recipes are that much more accessible. We spoke to the James Beard Award-winning chef about adapting his renowned recipes for home cooks.

#### A few of your recipes seem intimidating. Did you have home chefs in mind when deciding which to include?

We weren't willing to say you can kind of cook from this cookbook or you can cook some of the things from the book. We wanted to say you can really use this. It's a big, solid, beautiful book, with a lot of textures and a lot of colors, but we wanted that to play a dual role of something that would live in someone's kitchen; we wanted it to have the ears turned down and splattered in sauce. It was real work; I had to be very open-minded and really channel the home cook. My parents live in rural Ohio and these recipes were written so mom could make them.

#### As our Hot Chef you have to tell us: What did you make for your wife to win her over?

My wife's family has a house in the Hamptons, and as a girl she went out



Bonus question

## In the book you have a little section on pickling, and we heard you love the technique. What's your favorite thing to pickle?

Anyone can do it, and it works for so many different vegetables. Carrots and cucumbers are the most obvious, but I also like things that are less obvious ... like burdock and ramps. You can pickle nearly anything, and the same technique that's used to make delicious carrots can be used on things that are less familiar. You come up with a way to utilize the stuff you bought at the market and extend the seasonality. The book gives people who don't cook a chance to make something cool, like little pints of pickles to keep in your fridge. If you're having friends over for cocktails or beers you can put that on the table and say, "I made that!" Or you might incorporate that into a pan of sauteed zucchini and serve with corn and peppers and add pickles on top, and all the sudden you have something ridiculously beautiful and kind of complex.

there and loved summertime with her family. I asked her what were the things she remembered eating during her childhood, and she said baked clams. I started cooking versions of baked clams that were kind of complicated, and would give to her and she'd say, "That's really good. ... But it doesn't evoke any nostalgia." I got so fired up about the idea.

Once I nailed it — and preserved what she remembered about the baked clams and made it just a little bit better (we folded chopped scallops into the mix) — she fell in love with that. And what's funny is it became a very popular thing on our Tavern menu.

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> Food buzz. Chefs across the city are cooking with beer (and sometimes even putting it in their food).

Maybe they were inspired by Oktoberfest, or maybe by the fact that it's just plain tasty, but we found several chefs around town marrying beer's malty, hoppy and sometimes bitter flavors with meats and marinades, braises and batters, seafood and syrups — even in ice cream.

At **Delicatessen** in SoHo, chef Michael Ferraro creates a South Carolina (via Ireland) pulled pork taco served with cabbage slaw and garlic chips. 'Everyone in New York does a sweet, Texas-style pulled pork, so I wanted to do something different and went with a South Carolina-style." Ferraro says. "To braise the pork, we use a dark, flavorful beer like Guinness, which infuses a malty taste into the meat. The reduction really pairs well with the mustardy, vinegar-based sauce we make for the tacos.

Adding beer to a batter is a simple way of creating a richer flavor for this crunchy coating. In Brooklyn, **Pork Slope** chef Dale Talde chooses beer from nearby Red Hook brewery, Šixpoint, to create a tasty coat for his fried catfish. "When we started working on creating the

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LINDA CLARKE

fried catfish dish, we immediately wanted to use Sixpoint since it is a local favorite. I wanted a really yeasty taste to give the catfish a greater depth of flavor."

At The Smith restaurants in Manhattan, beerbattered string beans make for a crispy fried snack. Beer batter is one thing, but how about beer butter? The bespoke Smith Ale (a pale ale made by Sixpoint) is used for the bean batter and is whipped into garlic and herb butter for Smith's grilled shrimp with jalepeño grits and green tomato salad. Smith executive chef Brian Ellis says the flavors of the shrimp and grits "are taken to another level with that subtle hint of bitterness'

from the beer butter.

Recently opened East Village hotspot Picnic has two beer-infused dishes. Executive chef Nicholas Nostadt incorporates Hefeweizen into a mix of apricot nectar, Dijon mustard and herbs and spices as a marinade for mussels. And, his roasted chicken with orange cauliflower and apple mustard is finished with a beer syrup. "The spices in the Hefeweizen play well off the mussels," says the chef, who loves "to find ways to incorporate" beer into his cooking. "As for the beer syrup," he adds, "I love mixing sweet and savory, and incorporating a more flavorful beer into this syrup which makes it not too sweet for the roasted chicken.



#### **How about** dessert?

Chef Laurent Tourondel uses Brooklyn Brewery's Imperial Stout for the ice cream he pairs with his

orange spiced chocolate cake at Arlington Club. Tourondel says it's one of his "favorite new desserts" at the steakhouse. "The stout has a really deen. rich flavor that balances

the cake nicely. When I first tasted it I knew I had to use it in a sweet dish and that it would make the perfect ice cream. It has a complex flavor that holds up to the orange and spice?



#### Haunted House and **Monster Mash**

Tonight, 8 p.m. Secret Project Robot 389 Melrose St., Bushwick \$5-\$20, 917-860-8282

www.newyorknighttrain.com Watch your favorite local bands play as their favorite bands, and get in for cheap if you show up in your Halloween finest. See bands cover Black Sabbath, The Damned and Elvis Presley before Jonathan Toubin spins spooky 45s on the decks and Hula Hoop Harlot Melissa Anne starts making her rounds. Drinking, dancing, cocktails and a costume contest — yeah!

#### My So-Called Prom: A'90s **Halloween Party**

Tonight, 8 p.m. The Bell House, 149 Seventh St., Gowanus, \$12-\$15, 718-643-6510 www.thebellhouseny.com

If you're looking for something really scary to do this Halloween, you can dress up in a flannel and ripped jeans, not wash your hair for a week and hit this '90s bash. The Bayside Tigers play classic grunge while you do your best Kurt Cobain impression on the dance floor.

#### Webster Hell: The Official NYC Halloween **Parade Afterparty**

Tonight, 8 p.m. Webster Hall, 125 E. 11th St. \$50, 212-353-1600 www.websterhall.com Watch all four floors of Webster Hall transform into The Devil's Playground on Halloween night. After strutting your stuff through the 40th annual Halloween Parade, be ready to dance your tail off and witness high-flying trapeze zombies, fire-wielding creeps and virgin sacrifices. A \$5,000 cash prize — that's right, five G's — goes to the winner of the costume contest, and you even get an escort (not that kind, perv) to make sure that money gets home safe.

#### Utopian



#### 'The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets'

Tomorrow, 7 p.m.; Museum of Mathematics, 11 E. 26th St.; \$12, 212-542-0566; www.momath.org

You might be surprised to learn that writers for "The Simpsons" are some of the most mathematically gifted people — especially since all the characters only have four fingers, which seems to imply that math isn't their thing. But author Simon Singh will tell you how writers for shows like "The Simpsons" and "Futurama" explore complex mathematical ideas in their programming.



#### Brooklyn **Subway Art Tour**

Saturday, 1 p.m.

Old Stone House 336 Third St., Park Slope Free, 718-768-3195 www.brooklynutopias. wordpress.com Hopefully the price of an unlimited MetroCard didn't go up this week 'cause you're going to need one for this tour. Banksy who? Take a subway tour to see some of Brooklyn's latest

art installations from Prospect Heights to Coney Island. Artists include George Trakas, Owen Smith, Francesco Simeti, Portia Munson and more.

#### The Twilight Forever Fan **Experience**

Sunday-Monday, 9 a.m./6 p.m.

#### A Nite To Dismember

Tonight, 10 p.m.; Nitehawk Cinema, 136 Metropolitan Ave., Williamsburg; \$50, 718-384-3980; www.nitehawkcinema.com Prefer your Halloween with witches, werewolves and vampires? Nitehawk's overnight horror movie marathon is right up your alley. Hosted by Fangoria's Sam Zimmerman, you'll watch five classics, including "Fright Night," "Dawn of the Dead," "The Burning" and more. The bar will be open extra late and all survivors receive coffee and an eggs-and-bacon buffet in the morning.



Regal E-Walk Stadium 13 Cineplex/Planet Hollywood 247 W. 42nd St./ 1540 Broadway, Free www.twilightlexicon.com Here's two days of "Twilight" insanity to celebrate the release of the Twilight Forever DVD box set. For day one, experience all five "Twilight" films on the big screen. And on day two, Planet Hollywood will unveil an exhibit with props from each of the films, musical performances, special quests, fan contests, prizes and giveaways. It's like Comic Con for Twihards!

#### Sunnyside Restaurant Week

Monday-Friday Various Locations in Sunnyside, Queens, \$10-\$25 www.sunnysideshines.org Sunnyside up! Is that how you like your eggs? How about your dinner? Seventeen Sunnyside restaurants — like Bliss Street Station, Venturo and Dee Thai — are offering three-course dinner menus for only \$25 with a few also hooking up a \$10 two-course lunch menu.

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Dec. 9, 6 p.m. American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West at 79th St., \$295, 212-769-5100 www.amnh.org Now don't get too excited thinking you're going to show up, drop acid, eat a few mushrooms and check out the dinosaur exhibit. This is a class that'll meet every Monday through December to learn about how things like alcohol, antidepressants, caffeine and other toxins affect our brains, behavior and long-term health. JAY HONSTETTER

#### **Upload** your own events!

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🗖 Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Don't give in too easily today. Keep personal information a secret. Sharing a good time is one thing, but divulging your feelings is something else.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Take pride in what you do, and you will be given the opportunity to take on more responsibility. It's a good day to attend to business or sign deals.

#### 🗻 Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18.

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Expect to receive suggestions from well-meaning people, but when it comes down to making a decision, do things your way.

Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Don't wait for someone

else to step in and take over. Broaden your plans and expect to raise your standard of living.

\Upsilon Aries | March 21-April 20. You'll thrive on change. Share your emotions and don't be afraid to stand up to anyone. Someone from a different background will spark your interest.

#### Taurus | April 21-May 21.

Discuss your plans and get started on them. The more energy you put behind them, the more interest you will gather.

II Gemini | May 22-June 20. Work relentlessly on whatever you do if you want to receive star treatment. Compliments will encourage you to make an important move.

Gancer | June 21-July 22. He who hesitates is lost. Don't let an emotional situation ruin your plans or your fun. Getting involved will be to your benefit.

#### **№** Leo | July 23-Aug. 22.

You will have to make an instant decision followed by a fast move if you want to maintain what you've worked so hard to achieve.

**W** Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Bend a little, and you will get whatever you want. Conversations will help you gain respect.

△ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. Don't second-quess yourself. If you don't understand, ask. Once you have a clear picture regarding what you are supposed to do, you will be able to add

your touch. BERNICE BEDE OSOL

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#### Letters

#### Candy is a chemical nightmare

Re: 'Scary Halloween Candy' (Metro, Oct. 30) I was delighted to see your article on scary candy in Wednesday's Metro. Parents need to cop on to the garbage ingredients that go into their children's candy. Chemicals that are banned worldwide have a free reign in the U.S. due to powerful lobbying. For a few bucks more, you can get the good stuff.

BRIAN BECK, VIA EMAIL

#### 'Tantrum' piece a symphony of good writing

Re: "More Than Just" Tantrums' (Metro, Oct. 23) Alex Khatchadourian's "'More Than Just' Tantrums" piece is AMAZING!!! I'd love to hear more from such a musically involved writer. Passion is apparent, and I'd definitely read more. ABBY RINGIEWICZ, VIA EMAIL

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#### **Bipolar** effects far-reaching

Re: 'Don't simplify bipolar disorder (Metro, Oct. 29) Thank you, Jennifer Matrone, for your comments in Metro on bipolar disorder. I work as a licensed clinical social worker in New York City Department of Education. We have mood disorders — bipolar, ADHD and autism — on every level. But mostly we have learning disorders (undiagnosed) that lead to frustration, anxiety and emotional disorders and behaviors. Thank you.

Every day is a learning experience and a challenge. CHRISTINA LOUIS, VIA EMAIL

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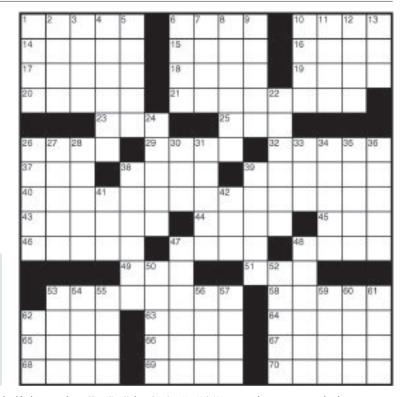
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## Knicks hold on for win in opener

NBA. Unlike the Nets, their Manhattan brethren got off to a solid opening to the season.

Knicks head coach Mike Woodson said prior to Wednesday's opening night tilt that the key to replicating last season's success is to dominate at home.

His team definitely didn't dominate, but they still managed to desperately hang on to a tenuous 90-83 win over the lowly Bucks.

The Knicks got off to a sluggish start and still managed to methodically decimate the Bucks in the first half, leading by 25 points at the break. But something happened to the home team in the second half, as they began to play down to the level of their competition.

But behind Carmelo Anthony's game-high



19 points (7-of-16 shooting), the Knicks managed to escape with the win. Raymond Felton chipped in with 18 points, while Iman Shumpert added 16.

Other than the solid shooting and efficient play, there wasn't much to appreciate in a matchup that pitted one of the Eastern Conference's elite against an also ran. The fact that it was opening night — and also the fans got to see the renovated Garden — were about the only reasons to attend, as the Knicks sleepily whisked past the Bucks — until the nervous vibe in the final two minutes.

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#### False start

#### Nets get off to rough start in Cleveland

The Nets' dream of an NBA title run will have to start with a loss.

Brooklyn's newlook team lost 98-94 in their season opener at the Cavaliers.

The Nets trailed by nine points entering the fourth quarter, but pulled even with just seconds left in the game. But Anderson Varejao's jumper with 28 seconds left gave the Cavs a 93-91 lead they would never relinquish.

Point guard Deron Williams, who was questionable with an injured ankle, did play as expected, but just for 22 minutes. He finished 2-of-6 for seven points with nine assists.

New Nets Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett had 17 points and eight points respectively in their debuts. Brook Lopez led all scorers with 21 points on 9-of-18 shooting.

Tristan Thompson led the Cavaliers with 18 points and nine rebounds. METRO



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#### Back to the start

#### Ryan expects Milliner to excel despite issues

Dee Milliner will start the game Sunday for the Jets. Now the goal becomes for him to finish the game on the field as well.

The rookie cornerback was routinely matched up with Marvin Jones last week and was soundly beaten all game. Jones



finished with eight catches — on eight targets — for 122 yards and four touchdowns. He was benched late in the game. It's not the first time he's struggled.

"He's close to being that player we want," head coach Rex Ryan said. "By the time the season's over, I think he will be the best rookie corner and playing better than any rookie corner in this

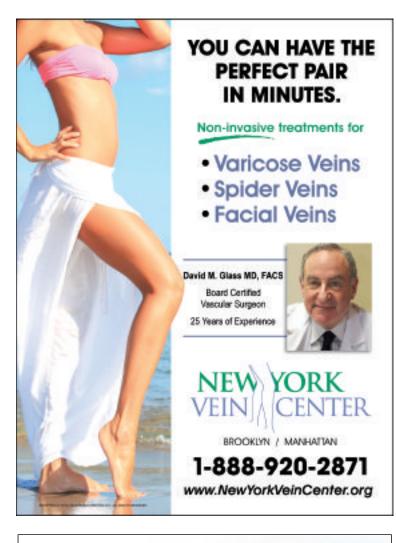
year's draft."

Milliner will have Drew Brees' Saints and the NFL's third-best passing offense (310.7 yards per game) awaiting him.

"He's one of the great quarterbacks in today's game," Milliner said. "He's going to be out there and of course I'm the new kid out there so he's going to look to attack me on things."









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#### NFL power rankings | by Mike Greger

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#### Seahawks (7-1)

It was amazing to hear the blowhards on ESPN marginalize Seattle's win Monday night. Yes, the offense struggled. But the best defense in football got a stop and the win.



#### No. 2

#### Chiefs (8-0)



Eagles fans will be sick to their stomachs as the chatter about Andy Reid for Coach of the Year increases, especially if they knock off Denver.

#### No. 3

#### **Colts** (5-2)



Take a quick inventory of Indy's schedule. They might not lose again until a possible playoff preview Dec. 8 in Cincy.

#### No. 4

#### **Broncos** (7-1)

The Broncos' pass rush not QB Peyton Manning for once — proved to be the difference in this week's victory against Washington.

#### Saints (6-1)



still rings true. At the rate the Saints and Seahawks are going, it's going to come down to home-field advantage in the NFC.

#### No. 6

#### 49ers (6-2)



In the game everybody forgot - please don't put a team in London — Colin Kaepernick finally (maybe) got his groove back.

#### **Bengals** (6-2)

If I had Marty McFly's time

machine, I would go back and not cut Andy Dalton from my fantasy team. He has 11 touchdown passes in his last three games.

#### No. 8

#### **Patriots** (6-2)



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#### No. 9

#### **Packers** (5-2)



If this newfangled run game, led by Eddie Lacy, is for real, Packers fans have a reason to do the Lambeau Leap themselves.

#### No. 10

#### Lions (5-3)



You could argue Dallas choked it away. That's disrespectful to the NFL's second-best passing offense — and Megatron still isn't 100 percent.





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